John Lesson 23

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INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes it has been abused and misused as though Jesus was overlooking sin and saying it doesn't really matter. But that isn't the point of that text.
- Rather, it is a story that teaches us of the attitude of Jesus Christ toward those who are sinners. Sinners, Jesus will receive.
- For Jesus Christ came into this world to seek and to save those who are lost.

1 Tempting Him That They Might Accuse Him

John 8:1–6; Leviticus 20:10; John 18

- This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him.
- Actually, they thought they were putting Jesus into a dilemma. Because you see, the Jews in Jerusalem were really under Roman law.
- And the Roman law forbade the Jews to take the life of anyone unless he'd gone through the due process of Roman court or through the Roman law.
- Actually, the very circumstances of the story indicate they weren't concerned or interested about the real truth of the matter.

2 Without Sin, Let Him First Cast a Stone

John 8:7–8; Romans 2:1–3; Matthew 7:1–5

- He lifted up himself and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
- In effect, he was saying, Are you going to obey the law by which you would judge another?
- As we read the word of God and would point an accusing finger at someone else, would we be willing to be judged by the same accusation?
- It isn't wrong to point out error and to disapprove of it, in fact, to expose it.
- You see yourself in the mirror of God's word and try to live and abide by it, because you shall be judged by it.

3 Neither Do I Condemn Thee

John 8:9–11; Deuteronomy 17:7; 1 Timothy 2:4–6

- Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more.
- I do not believe that Jesus was saying, I will overlook sin, ignore sin, it doesn't matter if you've sinned.
- But a second reason that Jesus did not condemn her is because he himself was willing to forgive.
- But only those who obey his will are promised forgiveness of sin.

- Saving belief, you see, involves obedience unto the will of God.

4 God's Attitude Towards Sin

Isaiah 59:1–2; Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23

- Your iniquities have separated between you and God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear you.
- We do not inherit our parents' sin. We don't even inherit Adam's sin for that matter.
- God will punish those who are sinners who will not repent of their sin.
- Don't rationalize that, well, everybody somehow is going to go to heaven, because that isn't true.

5 Go and Sin No More

Galatians 5:19–21; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- He wasn't saying it doesn't matter whether you sin or not. But he said to her, Go and sin no more.
- You see, the promise of God is that if we repent, God will forgive us.
- But the Bible clearly points out sin and the consequences of sin.
- And if you think I've done too much, I can't be forgiven, you're wrong. You can be forgiven.
- But such were some of you. But you're washed. You're sanctified. You're justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Won't you come to Him and be baptized for the remission of sins?**

MY NOTES